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The Honorable Mr. John T. Conway
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue N.W., Suite 700
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

TRANSMITTAL OF THE DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD (DNFSB)
RECOMMENDATION 93-5 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (IP) QUARTERLY REPORT FOR JANUARY
THROUGH MARCH 1997

The DNFSB 93-5 quarterly report for January through March 1997 is attached. This quarterly report addresses issues and milestones, as presented in the Recommendation 93-5 IP, Revision 1.

The last quarterly report transmitted a change to the IP which modified the list of tanks that will be sampled to satisfy two milestones for core sampling High Priority Tanks (HPT). Subsequent to this transmittal, the HPT prioritization list was again revised by the contractor, who reviews this list on at least a yearly basis. Based on the review, we may wish to pursue additional changes to the HPT list. We will propose a final HPT list when we reach agreement with DNFSB staff about which tanks should be sampled to meet the milestones.

The last quarterly report also committed to providing revised HPT sampling schedule pages for the IP, following a review of ways to recover the delays from the Flammable Gas Unreviewed Safety Question and Rotary Mode Core Sampling (RMCS) qualification for use in flammable gas tanks. This schedule will not be issued until the RMCS qualification issue is resolved and agreement, as discussed above, is reached on the final HPT list. Until that schedule is issued, the two milestones associated with the sampling of the HPTs continue to be in jeopardy.

Significant accomplishments this quarter included the resumption of field sampling activities and the completion of four IP milestones. Several other milestones, related to the Final Safety Analysis Report and to resolution of the High-Heat Safety Issue in Tank C-106, are behind schedule. The quarterly report provides details on the causes of the delays as well as projected completion dates.

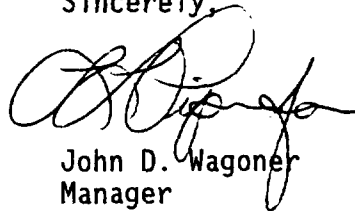
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If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Jackson Kinzer, Assistant Manager for the Tank Waste Remediation System, on (509) 376-7591.

Sincerely,



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